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Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, on *Monday, 8 December 2008*, official holiday.]

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6034th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts[1]

   Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/738)

[1]Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statement to *no more than five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Investigations/ Procurement Task Force; and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/331, A/63/369, A/63/492, A/63/167, A/63/167/Add.1, A/63/329, A/63/329/Add.1, A/63/490, A/63/328 (Section III, Part C), A/63/302 (Part I), A/63/302/(Part I)/Add.1, A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2 and A/63/328 (Section III, Parts A, B and C))

(continued overleaf)

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12 noon–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.1/Corr.1 (English only), A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1, A/63/328 (Section III, Part E) and A/63/474))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2008: Information technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/63/487, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/63/487/Corr.2, A/62/806 and A/63/496))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Senior Mission Administrative and Resource Training (SMART)" on *Tuesday, 9 December 2008*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority (under agenda item 155 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Congo)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31, entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.29, entitled "The role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57, entitled "Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the Rapporteur of the Second Committee (Yemen))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other activities

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Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Panel discussion on "African shared values on democracy, good governance and human rights within the context of the 2006 Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, in partnership with the Department of Political Affairs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Marieme Kane, African Union (tel. 1 (212) 319-5490, ext. 15; e-mail kaneaumission_ny@yahoo.com).]

"The Next One Hundred Project" — Workshop on the status of efforts towards effective implementation of the Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland, in cooperation with the Henry L. Stimson Center and the Stanley Foundation)

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Consulate General of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 250).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Tapio Tolvanen, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0269; e-mail tapio.tolvanen@formin.fi).]

Women's International Forum (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Reconstituting Korea security" and book launch (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 1.15 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[To register or for more information for the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.ony.un.edu>. For any query, please contact Ms. Ekaterina Anyanova, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail ekaterina@ony.unu.edu).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Ms. Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State (United States), and Mr. William Cohen, former Secretary of Defense (United States), Co-Chairs of the United States Task Force on Genocide (on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide) [sponsored by the United States Mission]

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the General Assembly; and Ms. Maude Barlow, Senior Advisor to the President of the General Assembly on water issues (on issues relating to human rights and water)

2 p.m. . . . . Ms. Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights (on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December))

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Steven Kull, Director, WorldPublicOpinion.org; and Ms. Peggy Hicks, Global Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch (to launch the *World Public Opinion* and the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* reports)

5 p.m. . . . . Mr. Hillel Neuer, Executive Director, UN Watch (to launch a report entitled "Eleanor's Dream: How to Strengthen the United Nations Human Rights Council") [sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs]

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

9–11 a.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel I on the theme "Sixty years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Lessons learned"

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel II on the theme "The full implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Challenges ahead and ways forward"

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3 p.m. . . . . 65th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its final meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals before it for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls (Belgium), will hold an open briefing for interested Member States on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, in particular on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1822 (2008).

The Chairman and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team look forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration will be held on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Burundi configuration will be held on Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas (Belarus), and will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal consultation on the report of cost classification in UNDP, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European States Group (meeting of election officers)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Seminar on Migration Data (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/data.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Panel discussion on "Reclaiming the vision: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights today" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Film screening (co-sponsored by the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations, the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931).]

First anniversary of bombing of the United Nations offices in Algiers (organized by the Staff Council Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Council and the United Nations International Civil Servants Federation (UNISERV)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Edoardo Bellando, Staff Council Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (room DC1-540; tel. 1 (212) 963-8275; e-mail bellando@un.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Dignity and justice for all of us: After 60 years of the Universal Declaration, what's next?"

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

UNU Lecture Series (II) — "Emerging thinking on Global Issues" on "Human rights: The second 60 years" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register or more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>. If you have a query, please contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail eymann@un.org).]

Lecture on "Islamic science and the European Renaissance" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Yemen)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Yemen (tel. 1 (212) 355-1730).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on *Tuesday, 9 December 2008*, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 5 December 2008

Security Council

6032nd meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 5 December 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 6032nd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Zerihoun and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

6033rd meeting *The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/705)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Lajčák.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Nikola Špirić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United States, the Russian Federation, Italy, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Panama, Belgium, Burkina Faso, China, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Costa Rica and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Croatia.

Mr. Lajčák responded to questions and comments made.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

64th plenary meeting The summary of the 64th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/239).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. New York, 13 February 1946

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (5 December 2008)[1]

Second revised text of Annex II – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Rome, 8 December 1965

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Third revised text of Annex VII – World Health Organization (WHO) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Minneapolis, 17 July 1958

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Second Revised text of Annex XII – International Maritime Organization (IMO) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. London, 22 November 2001

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Annex XIII – International Finance Corporation (IFC) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 2 April 1959

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Annex XIV – International Development Association (IDA) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 13 February 1962

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Germany (4 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

Web sites

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Department for General Assembly and Conference Management:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
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